

judgments shall draw interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1874.

## CHAPTER XXIX.

AN ACT RELATING TO RAILROAD CORPORATIONS AND COMMON CARRIERS.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

Railroads running parallel not to consolidate stock.

SECTION 1. No railroad corporation, or the lessees, purchasers or managers of any railroad corporation, shall consolidate the stock, property or franchises of such corporation with, or lease or purchase the works or franchises of, or in any way control any other railroad corporation owning or having under its control a parallel or competing line; nor shall any officer of such railroad corporation act as an officer of any other railroad corporation owning or having the control of a parallel or competing line; and the question whether railroads are parallel or competing lines shall, when demanded by the party complainant, be decided by a jury as in other civil issues.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1874.

## CHAPTER XXX.

AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING RAILROAD COMPANIES OR CORPORATIONS LIABLE FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRES IN CERTAIN CASES.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*